

**SHONA  
INTRODUCTORY MATERIAL**

ENGLISH	SHONA	SHONA PHONETIC
I am an American and I need your help, but I do not speak your language. I'll point to the question in your language and you can point to the answer in your language.	Ndiri muAmerikeni uye ndinokumbira rubatsiro rwako. Handitaure mutauro wako. Ndichakuratidza mubvunzo mumutauro wako uye ndinokumbira kuti ugondiratidza mhinduro mumutauro wako.	NDI-ri mu-A-me-ri-ke-ni u-ye ndi-no-ku-mbi-ra ru-ba-tsi-ro rwa-ko. Ha-ndi-ta-u-re mu-ta-u-ro wa-ko. NDI-cha-ku-ra-ti-dza mu-bvu-nzo mu-mu-ta-u-ro wa-ko u-ye ndi-no-ku-mbi-ra ku-ti u-go-ndi-ra-ti-dza mhi-ndu-ro mu-mu-ta-ur-o wa-ko.

**COMMUNICATION**

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Will you help me?	Ungandibatsirawo here?	U-nga-ndi-ba-tsi-ra-wo he-re?
Is there someone that speaks English?	Pano pane munhu anotaura Chirungu here?	PA-no pa-ne mu-nhu a-no-ta-ura Chi-ru-ngu he-re?
Are they willing to help me?	Vanokwanisa kundibatsira here?	VA-no-kwa-ni-sa ku-ndi-ba-tsi-ra he-re?
Can they come here?	Vanokwanisa kuuya pano here?	VA-no-kwa-ni-sa ku-u-ya pa-no he-re?
I must go now but, I want to thank you for your help.	Ndave kuenda izvozvi asi, ndinoda kukutenda nerubatsiro rwako.	NDA-ve ku-e-nda i-zvo-zvi a-si, ndi-no-da ku-ku-te-nda ne-ru-ba-tsi-ro rwa-ko.
My government will repay you for your kindness.	Hurumende yangu ichakubatsira nerubatsiro rwako.	HU-ru-me-nde ya-ngu i-cha-ku-ba-tsi-ra ne-ru-ba-tsi-ro rwa-ko.
I greatly appreciate your assistance.	Ndinotenda zvikuru nerubatsiro rwako.	NDI-no-te-nda zvi-ku-ru ne-ru-ba-tsi-ro rwa-ko.

**BASIC NEEDS**

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May I have some water?	Ndingawanewo mvura?	NDI-nga-wa-ne-wo mvu-ra he-re?
May I have some food?	Ndingawanewo chekudya?	NDI-nga-wa-ne-wo he-re che-ku-dya?
I am injured. Is there someone that can help me?	Ndakuvara. Pane angandibatsira here?	NDA-ku-va-ra. PA-ne A-nga-ndi-ba-tsi-ra he-re?
Do you have any bandages?	Une mabhandeji here?	U-ne bha-nde-ji he-re?
Can you contact someone to help me?	Ungatsvaga munhu angandibatsira here?	U-nga-tsva-ga mu-nhu a-nga-ndi-ba-tsi-ra he-re?
Where is the latrine?	Chimbuzi chiripi?	CHI-mbu-zi chi-ri-pi?
I am very tired. Is there a place I can sleep?	Ndaneta zvikuru. Pane pandingarare here?	NDA-ne-ta zvi-ku-ru. Pa-ne pa-ndi-nga-ga-re he-re?
May I have a blanket, or more clothing?	Ndingawanewo jira, kana dzimwe hembe he-re?	NDI-nga-wa-ne-wo ji-ra, ka-na dzi-mwe he-mbe he-re?

TRAVEL

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Can you show me my location on a map?	Ndiratidzewo pandiri pamepu?	Ndi-ra-ti-dze-wo pa-ndi-ri pa-me-pu?
Can you send word that I am alive?	Ungaudza vanhu here kuti ndiri mupenyu?	U-nga-u-dza va-nhu he-re kuti ndi-ri mu-pe-nyu?
How far is it to friendly territory?	Ndiri kure zvakadzi nekune vanhu vane ushamwari neni?	Ndi-ri ku-re zva-ka-di-i ne-ku-ne va-nhu va-ne u-sha-mwa-ri neni?
Can you take me there?	Ungaenda neni here?	
If you cannot take me, will you give me directions?	Kana usingakwanise, ungandiratidza nzira yacho here?	Ka-na u-si-nga-kwa-ni-se, u-nga-ndi-ra-ti-dza nzi-ra ya-cho here?
Is it safe to travel now?	Zvakanaka here kufamba nguva ino?	Zva-ka-na-ka he-re ku-fa-mba ngu-va i-no?
Which way do you advise me to travel?	Ndingafambe nenzira ipi yakanaka?	Ndi-nga-fa-mbe ne-nzi-ra ipi ya-ka-na-ka?
How can I travel?	Ndingafamba nei?	Ndi-nga-fa-mba ne-i?
Automobile	Motokari (In Zimbabwe, where Shona is mostly used, automobiles are called motor cars or just cars)	Mo-to-ka-ri
Train	Chitima	Chi-ti-ma
Boat	Chikepe/bhoti	Chi-ke-pe/bho-ti
Cart/Wagon	Ngoro	Ngo-ro
Pack Animal	Bhiza, nyurusi kana dhongi	Bhi-za, nyu-ru-si ka-na dho-ngi
On Foot	Netsoka	Ne-tso-ka

UNFRIENDLIES

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What types of troops are in the area?	Munzvimbo muno mune mauto akaita sei?	Mu-nzvi-mbo mu-no mu-ne ma-u-to a-ka-i-ta se-i?
Are they army troops?	Mauto here?	Ma-u-to here?
Are they militia?	Vabatsiri vemauto here?	Va-ba-tsi-ri ve-ma-u-to he-re?
Have you noticed any increase of troops or patrolling?	Unoona kuwanda kwemauto here kana kufamba-famba kwawo ?	U-no-o-na ku-wa-nda kwe-ma-u-to he-re ka-na ku-fa-mba-fa-mba kwa-wo ?
When do they patrol?	Vanofamba-famba kupi?	Va-no-fa-mba-fa-mba ku-pi?
Are you aware of others like me?	Unoziva vamwe vakaita seni here ?	U-no-zi-va va-mwe va-ka-i-ta se-ni he-re ?
Can you take me to them?	Ungaenda neni kwavari here?	U-nga-e-nda ne-ni kwa-va-ri he-re?

VOCABULARY

ENGLISH	SHONA	SHONA PHONETIC
Hello	mhoroi	MH-oro-i
Goodbye	sarai zvakanaka	SA-ra-i zva-ka-na-ka
Thank you	ndatenda	NDA-te-nda
Please	ndapota	NDA-po-ta
Ammunition	mabara	MA-ba-ra
Armed Vehicle	motokari yechiuto	MO-to-ka-ri ye-chi-u-to
Checkpoint	panomiswa nekusecha vanhu	PA-no-mi-swa ne-ku-se-cha VA-nhu
Day	zuva	ZU-va
Danger	chimoto	CHI-mo-to
Desert	gwenga	GWE-nga
East	mabvazuva	MA-bva-zu-va
Evening	manheru	MA-nhe-ru
Food	chekudya	CHE-ku-dya
Good	zvakanaka	ZVA-ka-na-ka
Bad	zvakaipa	ZVA-ka-i-pa
Here	pano	PA-no
Hour	awa	A-wa
Kilometer	Mutunhu/kiromita	MU-tu-nhu/ki-ro-mi-ta
Knife	banga	BA-nga
Leader	mutungamiri	MU-tu-nga-mi-ri
Medicine	mushonga wekurapisa	MU-sho-nga we-ku-ra-pi-sa
Men	varume	VA-ru-me
Women	vakadzi	VA-ka-dzi
Minute	mineti	MI-ne-ti
Morning	mangwanani	MA-ngwa-na-ni
Mountain	gomo	GO-mo
Night	usiku	U-si-ku
North	chamhembe	CHA-mhe-mbe
Pass	pfuura	PFU-u-ra
Pistol	Chivhorovhoro	CHI-vho-ro-vho-ro
Radio	redhio	RE-dhi-o
River	rwizi	RWI-zi
Road	nzira/mugwagwa	NZI-ra/mu-gwa-gwa

Shelter	Pekurara/pekugara	PE-ku-ra-ra
South	maodzanyemba	MA-o-dza-nye-mba
There	uko	U-ko
Valley	mupata	MU-pa-ta
Village	musha	MU-sha
Water	mvura	MVU-ra
Weapon	chombo	CHO-mbo
West	mavirira	MA-vi-ri-ra
Yes	hongu	HO-ngu
No	kwete	KWE-te
1	motsi	MO-tsi
2	piri	PI-ri
3	tatu	TA-tu
4	ina	I-na
5	shanu	SHA-nu
6	nhanhatu	NHA-nha-tu
7	nomwe	NO-mwe
8	sere	SE-re
9	pfumbamwe	PFU-mba-mwe
10	gumi	GU-mi
20	makumi maviri	MA-ku-mi ma-vi-ri
30	makumi matatu	MA-ku-mi ma-ta-tu
40	makumi mana	MA-ku-mi ma-na
50	makumi mashanu	MA-ku-mi ma-sha-nu
60	makumi matanhatu	MA-ku-mi ma-ta-nhatu
70	makumi manomwe	MA-ku-mi ma-no-mwe
80	makumi masere	MA-ku-mi ma-se-re
90	makumi mapfumbamwe	MA-ku-mi ma-pfu-mba-mwe
100	zana	ZA-na
500	mazana mashanu	MA-za-na ma-sha-nu
1000	chiuru	CHI-u-ru